

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

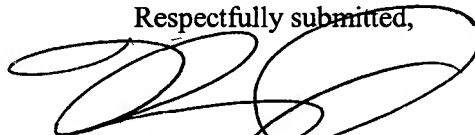
Applicants gratefully acknowledge that Claims 1 through 33, inclusive, have been allowed by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for his thorough review of the Specification. Applicants acknowledge that the references listed on both the PTO-1449 and the PTO-892 are of interest only, over which the claims have been deemed to recite allowable subject matter. Applicants acknowledge that the drawings filed on 17 November 2003 are accepted and that Prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Applicants have corrected the formal matters set forth in the office action.

SUMMARY

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject patent application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance of Claims 1 through 33, inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,



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